(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to demolish these unauthorised shops from the public land; and

(d) if not, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that encroachment in the shape of jhuggis and kacha shops etc. on roads and open spaces in Kalyanpuri is a continuing problem. M.C.D. taken action for removal action under the D.M.C. Act from time to time. In August,. 1991, Delhi Administration had also emphasised the need for conserted efforts to remove such encroachment/ unauthorised construction from public roads and open spaces.

Amendment of Public Premises (Eviction) Act

3487. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Public Premises (Eviction) Act to avoid inconvenience to the tenants;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received from tenants during the last three years, yearw ise and State wise; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to help such tenants to over come their difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Public Premises Act applies to the Occupants of the Premises belonging to the authorities falling under the undermentioned categories:—

1. Any Company as defined in Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 in which not less than 51 per cent of the paid up share capital is held by the Central Government or any Company which is subsidiary of the first mentioned Company;

2. Any Corporation established by or under a Central Act and owned or Controlled by the Central Govt;

3. Any University established or incorporated by any Central Act;

4. Any Institute incorporated by the Institute of Technology Act, 1963;

5. Any Board of Trustees Constituted under the Major Port Trust Act, 1963.

6. Bhakra Management Board constituted under section 79 of the Public Reorganisation Act, 1966 (Bhakra Beas Management Board);

7. In relation to U.T. of Delhi;

(i) Any premises belonging to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, or any Municipal Committee or notfied area Committee and;

(ii) any premises belonging to the Delhi Development Authority whether such premises are in the possession of or leased out by the said Authority.

The number of complaints received from tenants against these authorities Statewise are not available with the Government.

(c) Government is issuing guidelines to the Public Undertakings and Government Controlled Organisations to prevent arbitrary use of the provisions of the Public Premises Act.

Art and Housing Activities

3488. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mass housing in the country has cut off art from architecture;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi Urban Arts Commission had issued some guidelines to the various civic bodies in this regard; if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these guidelines are not being followed; and

(d) if so, the names of civic bodies and other organisations connected with building activities who have by passed these guidelines?